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FOLLOWING REPEAT BONN 7407 ACTION SECSTATE APR 20

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 07407

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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, GW, US

SUBJECT: GENSCHER REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH SECRETARY

L. VAN WELL CALLED THE CHARGEAPRIL 20

ON INSTRUCTIONS OF GENSCHER TO DISCUSS WEEKEND ARRANGE-
MENTS FOR LONDON MEETING AND TO CONVEY REQUEST FROM
GENSCHER FOR BILATERAL MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY IN
LONDON OR, PREFERABLY FROM GERMAN VIEWPOINT, IN BONN
WHEN SECRETARY IS EN ROUTE FROM MOSCOW TO LONDON.

2. VAN WELL SAID THE FRG WOULD INFORM THE BRITISH
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THAT IF THE MEETING OF MINISTERS TAKES PLACE, IT
SHOULD TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY. THERE WOULD BE LITTLE
TIME ON MONDAY MORNING SINCE THE GERMAN PARTY WILL
HAVE TO LEAVE TOWN FOR CHEQUERS FOR BILATERAL SUMMIT
BY 10:15 (CHEQUERS MEETING IS
SCHEDULED TO BEGIN 11:30). GENSCHER IS PREPARED TO
ARRIVE AROUND DINNER TIME SUNDAY EVENING AND DEVOTE

THE REST OF THE EVENING TO THE MEETING. IF THERE WERE
NEED TO CARRY OVER TO MONDAY MORNING, DISCUSSION
WOULD HAVE TO BE SCHEDULED EARLY TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF
FRG-BRITISH BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

3. VAN WELL ASKED THAT EMBASSY CONVEY GENSCHER'S
PERSONAL GREETINGS TO THE SECRETARY. HE SAID THAT THE
MINISTER WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO MEET WITH THE
SECRETARY TO CONTINUE THE GOOD BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS
THEY HAD RECENTLY, TO FOLLOW UP ON DEVELOPMENTS SINCE
THEN, AND TO DISCUSS THE FORTHCOMING BREZHNEV VISIT
TO BONN. VAN WELL SAID OF THE TWO POSSIBILITIES FOR A
VANCE-GENSCHER MEETING THAT OCCURRED TO THEM -- EITHER
IN LONDON OR ON THE SECRETARY'S WAY FROM MOSCOW TO
LONDON -- THE FRG PREFERRED THE LATTER IF, OF COURSE,
IT SUITED THE SECRETARY'S WISHES AND SCHEDULE IN LIGHT
OF HIS MOSCOW VISIT. IF, AS THE FRG HOPED' THE
SECRETARY FOUND IT POSSIBLE TO STOP IN BONN EN ROUTE
TO LONDON, THE GERMANS WOULD TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT HE
HAD ADEQUATE TIME TO REST. IF A BONN STOP-OVER WERE
NOT POSSIBLE, AND WE AGREED TO A BILATERAL IN LONDON,
THE FRG THOUGHT THEIR EMBASSY MIGHT BE A SUITABLE
LOCATION BUT THEY WOULD DEFER TO THE
SECRETARY'S WISHES.

4. VAN WELL ASKED THAT WE GET BACK TO THEM AS SOON
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AS POSSIBLE WITH OUR RESPONSE. REQUEST GUIDANCE.
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